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Dear Ms. Hesse:

My pursuit in public service has been to make sure that taxpayers and justice are well served in all matters. In the settlement proposal affecting *U.S. v. Microsoft*, I am concerned that enough resources in time, money, attention and personnel have been used to pursue the issues raised in this anti-trust case.

At no time in the proceedings has it been established that consumers have been wronged by Microsoft's actions. In fact, I think consumers who've used Microsoft have been well pleased with the quality and cost of the company's products and services. The issue seems to focus on Microsoft and its ambitious competitors, and I think this case has expended enough resources to determine what is fair. I strongly support putting the settlement into effect.

I appreciate your attention to my statements.

Sincerely

Representative Bill Napoli Legislative District 35 Assistant Majority Leader